

AMENDMENTS TO THE ABSTRACT

Please substitute the following paragraph(s) for the abstract now appearing in the currently filed specification:

The invention relates to a tensioning system for a mobile telescopic crane, in which the telescopic mast ~~(7)~~ is outwardly braced via a tensioning means ~~(1, 11)~~, and wherein said tensioning means ~~(1, 11)~~ is guided along or over the telescopic mast ~~(7)~~ and fastened to the telescopic mast ~~(7)~~ in such a way that a pressure bias of the mast ~~(7)~~ is created in the area of the tensioning means guide. The tensile units or winches ~~(3, 17)~~ of a system in accordance with the invention are arranged on the crane superstructure at a distance from the level luffing plane of the telescopic mast ~~(7)~~ of the crane, such that the tensioning means ~~(1, 11)~~ can absorb a substantial proportion of the loads having components perpendicular to the level luffing plane. The tensioning means tensile units or winches ~~(3, 17)~~ of a system in accordance with the invention are arranged on the crane superstructure, such that they can shift.